



Bluffton Police Department

DATE: November 4, 2016

RELEASE NUMBER: 16-88

Guns and Drugs Seized During Traffic Stop

Who:

25-year-old Tyrell Smith

What:

Arrested on several charges including unlawful carry of a weapon and threatening a public official

Where:

US 278 and Buck Island Road

When:

Thursday, November 3, 2016

On Thursday, November 3, 2016, a Bluffton officer conducted a traffic stop on US Highway 278 at Buck Island Road. Once the officer approached the vehicle, he smelled the odor of marijuana. When the officer asked for the license and registration of the driver, it was found she was driving under a suspended license and was cited.

When the passenger was asked for his name, he gave a false identity. Eventually, he gave his true name of Tyrell Smith. It was found Smith was wanted for burglary. Smith was also in possession of a stolen firearm, marijuana and cocaine.

Once Smith was placed in handcuffs, he began yelling profanities at the officer and threatened to kill him. Smith is charged with the following:

- Simple possession of marijuana
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- False information to law enforcement
- Trafficking cocaine
- Unlawful carry of a pistol
- Felon in possession of a firearm
- Possession of a stolen firearm
- Possession of a firearm during a violent crime
- Threatening a public official

Smith is currently incarcerated at the Beaufort County Detention Center.



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